

DIARY FOR TUESDAY, 29 March 1955

References: [redacted] Diary Items, same subject, dated 16, 15 and 17 March 1955

1. On 29 March, [redacted] and I had a conference with [redacted] of the Security Office. [redacted] had us read a lengthy memorandum to the Director of Security, which outlined the background of the history, insofar as it is known, of the use of the isolation technique, both in [redacted] and in the US. The latter part of the memorandum gave the questions posed by [redacted] and answers provided by Dr. [redacted] at the 17 March conference. [redacted] had already read and concurred in the memorandum. It was an excellent job. No recommendations were included in the memorandum. However, [redacted] was in the process of drafting a recommendation to the effect that Dr. [redacted] and his clinical psychologist and medical secretary, be placed on a contract basis to carry on experiments in this field, after they have been cleared for Top Secret.

2. [redacted] stated that he had taken a copy of the memorandum to [redacted], who is now assistant to DD/P for [redacted] affairs. [redacted] in turn, had passed the memorandum to [redacted] who is a member of the Staff, but who works for [redacted] on special projects. While we were in the office, [redacted] called [redacted] to advise that he had just finished reading [redacted] memorandum to the Director of Security, and thought it of paramount importance for the Agency to act quickly. [redacted] also mentioned that Dr. [redacted] had been brought in on the picture, probably by Dr. [redacted]. [redacted] felt that a meeting should be called soon of the interested components of CIA, so that an Agency position could be adopted. [redacted] was still very reluctant to bring TSS into the picture, at least at this time. [redacted] is leaving next week for a five-day trip through the [redacted]. He hopes that, prior to his departure, he will be able to report some progress in coordinating this project internally.

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